

## SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

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Tuesday, December 15, 2015, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

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**Present:** Selectboard members Laurie Colgan, Chris Martin and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe; John Medose; Anne Reed, Anne Miller, Rich Phillips, John Morris

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Andy Perchlik

**Changes to the Agenda:** Warning item for town meeting

**Minutes:** Approved the minutes of the December 1, 2015 meeting.

**Old Schoolhouse Common:** Youth Sports basketball program (John Medose) requested that the gym be available for basketball practice for 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade. He would like the fee to be waived, or have each kid pay \$1 per practice. The Board discussed the possibility of waiving the fee for youth sports but noted that they would have to have the same policy for all teams, and there might be competition for gym time. The board decided that since what John is proposing is open to all 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, it falls under a community recreation program so there will be no fee.

**Beavers:** Anne Reed notified the Board that the beavers are back in the Stranahan Town Forest and they have created more flooding on the Thompson Road. There are dangerous sinkholes in the road. For a long-term solution, she would like to see a fence built to move the dam further from the road, and then put in a beaver baffle. In the short term, she feels that a crew could dig a ditch by hand if the culvert was fixed. The water has undermined the culvert. Dan will try to patch the culvert now and try to get the water flowing the right way, but it is too muddy to dig up the culvert right now. In the spring a fence will be installed and then the State furbearer technician will be consulted to help choose a beaver baffle.

**Budget:** Dan talked to the Board about the chipper. It is 24 years old and has “had the radish.” A used diesel-powered chipper is roughly the same price as a new gas-powered chipper, and a diesel is more reliable. The Board approved having Dan negotiate for a used chipper up to \$18,000, to be paid for out of the equipment fund (the tractor will be paid off in 2016, and the same amount can be put into the equipment fund for 2 more years to pay for the chipper).

**Warning:** The Energy Committee asked the Selectboard to include an article on climate change. The Selectboard is not opposed to the article but asked the Committee to get a petition.

**Emergency Generator:** The Board was notified that the grant is still being considered, and FEMA is looking for a decision about where we would locate the generator. The original application assumed that the generator could not be located near the Old Schoolhouse Common because of the flood plain, but the elevation of the building has been measured to be above the flood plain. The Board will pursue locating the generator adjacent to the Old Schoolhouse Common if allowed by FEMA.

**EMS Services:** Chris talked to Ty Roland, the East Montpelier Fire Chief, about whether the East Montpelier Ambulance Service would be able provide service to Marshfield. The decision about whether they could offer service would have to be made by the East Montpelier Selectboard but Ty was optimistic about the possibility of providing service. Over the next year, the Marshfield Selectboard will explore the possibility of changing ambulance service.

**Community Development Block Grant:** Tabled until the next meeting.

**Budget:** The Board reviewed the budget with the budget committee.

**Expenses, Permits & Payroll:** Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll. Approved the liquor license for Rivers Edge

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the December 15, 2015 Selectboard Meeting.  
A True Record. Attest, \_\_\_\_\_, Town Clerk

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